

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE  
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
PEDESTRIAN WORKING GROUP AND THE  
REGIONAL BICYCLE TASK FORCE

Tuesday, December 14, 2004 - 1:30 p.m.  
MAG Office Building, Suite 200 - Cholla Room  
302 North First Avenue, Phoenix

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Charlie McClendon, Avondale, Chair, Pedestrian Working Group	*Michael Cartsonis, Litchfield Park
Tami Ryall, Gilbert, Chair, Regional Bicycle Task Force	*John Lynch, Maricopa County
Bruce Meyers, ADOA Gen. Services	Mitch Foy, Mesa
*Michael Eagan, ASLA, Arizona Chapter	Karen Flores, Peoria
Anna Roedler, Avondale	Katherine Coles, Phoenix
Michael Normand, Chandler	Briiana Leon, Phoenix
*Michael Ohland, Chandler	*Randi Alcott, RPTA
Bill Lazenby, Coalition of Arizona Bicyclists	Dawn Coomer, Scottsdale
Steve Hancock, Glendale	Reed Kempton, Scottsdale
Janeen Gaskins, Goodyear	Lee Lambert, Surprise
	Eric Iwersen, Tempe

\*Members neither present nor represented by proxy.

OTHERS PRESENT

Maureen DeCindis, MAG	Elizabeth Thomas, Tempe
Leslie Dornfeld, HDR	Mike Sanders, ADOT
Penny Allee, SW Gas	
Phil Jesenick, ADOT	
Susan Bookspan, Phoenix Children's Hospital	

1. Call to Order

Co-chairman Charlie McClendon called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

2. Approval of the October 26, 2004 Meeting Minutes of the Pedestrian Working Group and the Regional Bicycle Task Force

Eric Iwersen moved to approve and Bill Lazenby seconded the move to approve the meeting minutes of the Pedestrian Working Group for October 5, 2004. The motion passed unanimously.

### 3. Call to the Audience

An opportunity was provided to members of the public to address the Pedestrian Working Group on items not scheduled on the agenda that fall under the jurisdiction of MAG, or on items on the agenda for discussion but not for action. Members of the public were requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes was provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Working Group requests an exception to this limit. Please note that those wishing to comment on action agenda items were given an opportunity at the time the item was heard.

Penny Allee-Taylor from SW Gas was contacted by the Bicycle Coalition and would like the support of the committee for the new bill that would clarify changes to the existing law 28-724, 28-735, 28-751 and 28-815. Change in the wording would make it more favorable for bicyclists. For example, the change would not require that the bicyclist must ride where a bike path or lane is available. Copies of the proposed changes were distributed.

### 4. Combine the MAG Pedestrian Working Group and the MAG Bicycle Task Force into One Committee

Many committee members have asked to consider combining the committees together especially in light of the fact that the funding for the next 20 years is combined. Committee members were also being asked to consider a meeting schedule for 2005.

Dawn Coomer expressed concern that insufficient focus would be given to pedestrian issues, and that resources and diluted representation at the regional level would occur if both committees combined. For example, currently there are two representatives at the Transportation Review Committee (TRC) meeting providing a voice for both the bicycle and pedestrian committee. Eric Iwersen asked if the TRC might be amenable for two representatives from one committee. Dawn Coomer responded that was unlikely. On the Enhancements Working Group there are not two representatives. Tami Ryall reported that she sits on the TRC and also represents bicycle interests. She noted that many of the bike and pedestrian members are the same members on both bike and ped committees and therefore would adequately address both pedestrian and bicycle issues. Eric Iwersen feels that it is important to have both bike and ped represented on the Enhancements Group. Karen Flores suggested having back to back meetings because travel time may be the issue. Charlie McClendon said that for small cities, meeting and travel time is a serious concern.

Dawn Coomer reminded the committee that financial resources may be influenced unfairly if both committees combined. Bill Lazenby said that the national bicycle advocacy organization just initiated a partnership with a pedestrian organization. It was too soon to tell how successful the new organization is going to be.

Briiana Leon suggested keeping the committees separate. Eric Iwersen noted that the committees meet every other month. Amy MacAulay suggested that the committees should be separate because in the view of the general public, bicycle and pedestrian are two separate issues. Steve Hancock asked Leslie Dornfeld her opinion. Leslie Dornfeld thinks that the committees should stay separate but the meetings could run concurrently thus making it easier for joint issues to be discussed. Mitch Foy said that after listening to the discussion, he is hesitant to combine the committees.

Charles McClendon suggested that two committees run concurrent meetings and Tami Ryall could

become the Chair of both Committees. Everyone agreed that each city would still have one vote.

5. Identify Agenda Items for 2005 Meetings

Committee members were asked to identify items for next year's agenda such as reviewing the Transportation Improvement Process (TIP) application and TIP ranking process.

Janeen Gaskin agreed that an important issue for 2005 is a discussion on the TIP application and the TIP ranking process. Tami Ryall asked if there was interest in discussing producing a public service announcement (psa) for city cable networks. Eric Iwersen reported that Tempe already shows a multi-modal psa. Charlie McClendon reported that Avondale would run a psa. Steve Hancock suggested that Valley Metro has produced a psa. Bill Lazenby and the City of Scottsdale said that a psa is currently in production and being distributed.

Dawn Coomer would like to suggest that products that should be included in the next Unified Planning Work Program be discussed at the January meeting.

6. Review of the MAG Regional Bikeways Map

Committee members were asked to review and comment on the final draft of the Regional Bikeways Map. The photos on the back of the map were numbered and referenced on the front. Committee members reviewed the disclaimer and the Share the Road safety graphics.

Reed Kempton is hesitant to approve the map where an agency has identified a path adjacent to the roadway. Those paths should be made a different color on the map. Eric Iwersen suggested that each individual city look at the map to make the determination of paths along the street.

Charlie McClendon suggested that each city identify photos and any changes in the map. If a city needs to redesignate their facilities, then a city needs to communicate that to MAG.

7. Review the Scope of Work for the Request For Proposal for Updating the MAG Bike Plan

Committee members were asked for comments on the Scope of Work for the Request for Proposal to update the MAG Regional Bikeways Plan (See Attachment). The list of consultants was reviewed. Members were asked to submit other firms names as well. Final comments on the scope of work need to be received by MAG staff by December 31, 2004.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting date will be January 18, 2005.